

THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LITTLEBOROUGH

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the

YEAR 1962

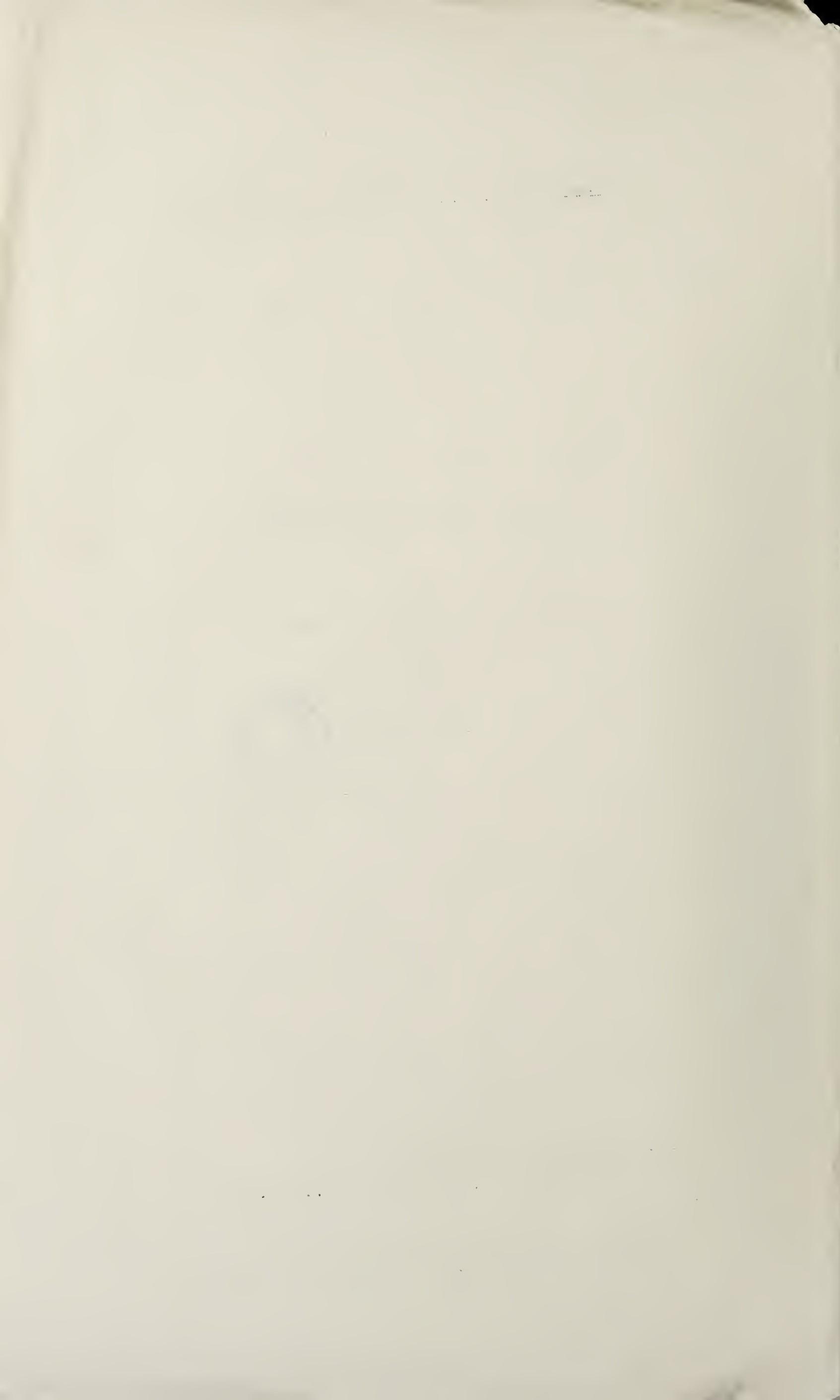


Medical Officer of Health

JAMES T. R. MACGILL, M.B., Ch.B.

Senior Public Health Inspector

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URBAN DISTRICT OF LITTLEBOROUGH

ANNUAL REPORT

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year ended 31st December 1962.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Littleborough Urban District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my fiftieth Annual Report on the Health and Mortality of your District for the year 1962.

POPULATION

The estimated population (as supplied by the County Council) of the District is 10,630 as compared with 10,510 for last year.

AREA

The District extends over an area of 7,855 acres, and is situated on the borders of Lancashire and Yorkshire at a height ranging from about 440 to 1,550 feet above sea level.

The climate is somewhat damp but bracing.

The chief industries include the manufacture of cotton and woollen goods and synthetic fibres, leather tanning, iron turning and founding, oil and fat refining and dyeing and finishing.

VITAL STATISTICS

The number of deaths in the District in 1962 was 135, 72 males and 63 females, which is equivalent to a death rate of 12.7 per 1,000 of the estimated population.

The number of births was 196, 90 males and 106 females, which is equivalent to a birth rate of 18.4.

There was 1 still birth, 1 female, giving a rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births of 5.1.

The births exceeded the deaths by 61, and the birth rate exceeded the death rate by 5.7. The mean birth rate for the past five years was 2.0 above the mean death rate.

For 1961 the birth rate was 17.3 and the death rate 16.9 and the averages for the past five years were:- birth rate 16.2 and death rate 14.2.

From these figures it will be seen that the birth rate is 1.1 above the previous year and 2.2 above the average for the past five years, and the death rate 4.2 below the previous year and 1.5 below the average.

For further particulars see tables in the Report.

The health visiting is under the supervision of the County Council.

INFANT DEATHS

There have been 4 deaths under one year of age, 2 males and 2 females, which is equivalent to a rate of 20.4 per 1,000 live births, and 3 deaths and a rate of 16.5 for 1961.

From these figures it will be seen that the rate is 3.9 above the previous year and 7.1 below the average.

There have been 3 deaths under 4 weeks of age - 2 males and 1 female, which is equivalent to a death rate of 15.3 per 1,000 live births, as compared with 3 deaths and a rate of 16.5 for 1961.

TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS

Nil.

CANCER DEATHS

22.

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Nil.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

44 Cases of Infectious Diseases occurred during the year, as compared with 8 for 1961:-

	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>
Tuberculosis.	3	2
Scarlet Fever.	-	-
Diphtheria.	-	-
Erysipelas.	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever.	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.	-	-
Acute Pneumonia (primary and influenza).	-	1
Acute Encephalitis.	-	-
Meningococcal Infection.	-	-
Small-pox.	-	-
Measles.	38	4
Whooping Cough.	-	-
Food Poisoning.	-	1
Dysentery.	3	-

One point again worthy of comment is the fact that 1962 was the sixteenth year in succession in which no cases of Diphtheria were notified. Such a long spell without the occurrence of a case is sufficient evidence of the value of Diphtheria immunisation. In order to maintain this record, it is essential that parents should continue to have their children immunised. It is also again pleasing to report that no cases of Scarlet Fever were notified during 1962, for the fifth year in succession.

SCARLET FEVER

Nil.

WHOOPING COUGH

Nil.

MEASLES

38 cases occurred all of which were treated at home. There were no deaths.

SONNE DYSENTERY

3 cases occurred, two of which were removed to Hospital. There were no deaths.

TUBERCULOSIS

There were no deaths from Tuberculosis during the year.

There were 5 notifications, all new additions to the register (3 new cases and 2 "transfers" from other Districts). The occupations of the new additions were:- Clerk 1, Shop Assistant 1, Scholar 1 and Labourers 2.

The Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations 1952 no longer require a Medical Officer of Health to keep a register of Tuberculosis notifications, but the Ministry of Health urges that registers should continue to be kept. A register is therefore maintained of all cases notified and weekly statements forwarded to the County Medical Officer of Health of all admissions to and removals from the register.

The number of Tuberculous persons in the District at the beginning of the year was 58, 47 respiratory and 11 non-respiratory. 5 Cases were added to the register, all respiratory. 2 Cases, both respiratory were removed from the register, leaving a total of 61 at the end of the year - 50 respiratory and 11 non-respiratory. Of the 2 cases removed from the register, both have died from causes other than Tuberculosis.

As this is my 50th Annual Report, I suppose it is inevitable that I make some reference to the changes that have taken place during this period. The outstanding change is, of course, in connection with the incidence of infectious diseases. Diseases which at the beginning of the period were regarded as endemic are now virtually non-existent. Typical local examples are Diphtheria - 1962 was the 16th year without a case occurring - and Scarlet Fever - 5th year free of this disease. The former was achieved by mass immunisation and in more recent years control of Poliomyelitis has similarly become possible.

On the debit side however, we have seen a marked increase in the the incidence of heart and circulatory diseases and diseases in the Cancer group, particularly lung cancer. In noting the increase in these diseases however, some account should be taken of improved diagnostic facilities over those formerly existing.

The body of the Report contains details of the work of the department during the year and the report of the Senior Public Health Inspector sets out details of the sanitary circumstances of the district.

In concluding this Report, I should like to acknowledge the valuable assistance I have received from Mr. Kearns, Mr. Howarth, Mr. Allison and Mr. Clough.

I am,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

J. T. R. MACGILL.

Medical Officer of Health.



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VITAL STATISTICS

	Total.	M.	F.	
Live Births. Legitimate.	185	85	100	Birth-Rate per 1,000 estimated population mid-1962 - 18.4
Illegitimate.	11	5	6	
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	196	90	106	Illegitimate live-births (per cent of total live births) - 5.61%.
Stillbirths. Legitimate.	1	-	1	Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths -
Illegitimate.	-	-	-	5.1
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Total live and stillbirths.	197	90	107	
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Deaths.	135	72	63	Death rate per 1,000 estimated population -
				12.7
				Crude 12.7
				Adjusted 14.0

INFANT MORTALITY

	Total.	M.	F.
Legitimate	4	2	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
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	4	2	2
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INFANT MORTALITY RATES

Death-rate of infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births - 20.4

Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births - 20.4

Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births - Nil.

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY

Deaths of infants under four weeks of age 3

Rate per 1,000 live births 15.3

EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY

Deaths of infants under one week of age 1

Rate per 1,000 live births 5.1

PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE

Mortality rate (still-births and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total live and still-births.) 10.2

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Deaths from pregnancy, childbirth and abortion. Nil.

Mortality rate per 1,000 total live and still-births Nil.

Per 1,000 of estimated population

Maternal Mortality Rate

Live birth-rate.	Crude death-rate.	Death-rate from Tuberculosis of respiratory system.	Death-rate from Cancer.	Per 1,000 total (live and still) births.	Rate of deaths under one year per 1,000 live births.
Mean of 5 years (1957-61)	16.2	14.2	0.03	1.90	27.5
Year 1962.	* 18.4	✓ 12.7	Nil.	2.07	20.4
Year 1961.	17.3	16.9	Nil.	2.57	16.5
Increase or decrease in 1962 on 5 year's average.	+ 2.2	- 1.5	- 0.03	+ 0.17	- 7.1
Previous year.	† 2.0	+ 3.2	- 0.03	+ 0.83	- 9.1

* Adjusted live birth-rate (comparability factor 1.00) = 18.4 per 1,000.
 ✓ Adjusted death-rate (comparability factor 1.10) = 14.0 per 1,000.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1962

CAUSES OF DEATH	Males	Females
All causes.	72	63
1. Tuberculosis of respiratory system.	-	-
2. Other forms of Tuberculosis.	-	-
3. Syphilitic Diseases.	-	-
4. Diphtheria.	-	-
5. Whooping Cough.	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infection.	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis.	-	-
8. Measles.	-	-
9. Other infective and Parasitic Diseases.	-	-
10 - 15. All forms of Cancer.	11	11
16. Diabetes.	1	-
17. Vascular Lesions of nervous system.	12	8
18 - 20. Heart Disease.	20	22
21. Other Diseases of Circulatory system.	1	3
22. Influenza.	1	3
23. Pneumonia.	7	5
24. Bronchitis.	9	1
25. Other respiratory diseases.	1	1
26. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum.	-	1
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea.	-	1
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis.	-	-
29. Hyperplasia of prostate.	1	-
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion.	-	-
31. Congenital Malformations.	-	1
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	6	4
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents.	1	-
34. All other accidents.	1	2
35. Suicide.	-	-
36. Homicide and Operations of War.	-	-

LITTLEBOROUGH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT
for the year 1962

To the Medical Officer of Health of the
Littleborough Urban District Council.

Sir,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report for the year 1962, in accordance with Article 25 of the Public Health Officers Regulations 1959. Comment is made on several aspects of the work but other details, statistics etc., have been included in your report to the County Medical Officer of Health, a copy of which is attached to this report.

A summary sheet is also attached showing details of the visits and inspections made during the year.

HOUSING

The 5 year period within which it had been intended that demolition should take place of the 109 unfit houses submitted for approval to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in 1955 expired towards the end of 1960. Cessation of building by the Council (apart from completion of a second block of eight single-bedroom flats) was largely responsible for the programme not being completed within the prescribed period but some progress has been possible by utilising existing resources for rehousing. In a survey carried out since the end of the year, the position was as follows:-

1. Houses occupied but tenants awaiting rehousing after formal action.	3
2. Houses occupied.	12
3. Houses vacant.	29
4. Houses demolished.	40
5. Demolition in hand.	9
6. Houses converted to workshops or purpose other than human habitation.	8
7. Houses made fit and withdrawn from list.	2
8. Undertakings to make fit.	6
	109

6 houses were represented as individual unfit houses under the Housing Acts during the year and Demolition Orders were made.

As the number of occupied houses has now reached a low figure, I feel that some consideration should be given to the drawing up of a programme of unfit houses which might be dealt with in future years, particularly having regard to the number of enquiries received from intending house purchasers regarding the possible estimated future life of houses in which they are interested.

REFUSE COLLECTION

The Council scheme for renewal of defective dustbins continues to function satisfactorily and the number renewed or supplied (474) is higher than the original estimate (290) for annual renewals. This is largely due to the provision of bins at new houses and 16 additional bins to eliminate joint usage.

During the year, 93 bins were supplied to new houses built in the district.

In my report for 1960 I pointed out that with the housing development within the district, provision of additional bins, reduction in the working hours of the refuse collectors and longer holidays, requests from the occupiers of farms for a collection service where previously they had made their own disposal arrangements, the provision of a weekly collection service had become increasingly difficult.

With a full staff, this is now more likely to be possible following the Health Committee's decision late in the year to provide on a full time basis a vehicle which had previously only operated part-time on refuse collection.

WATER SUPPLY

The district is supplied by the Rochdale Corporation and the number of houses connected to the mains is 3,615.

7 Samples of water from private supplies were taken and submitted for bacteriological examination. 6 were unsatisfactory.

CLOSET CONVERSIONS

The Council policy of encouraging the conversion of obsolete types of closets to the water carriage system was continued during the year, and in order to further this policy, particularly where pail closets are used in common, the Council continued the payment of grants up to a maximum of £10 for each unit of accommodation. 3 Pail closets and 2 waste water closets were converted during the year.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

Slaughtering is carried on at two slaughterhouses in the district. One is conducted by a wholesale butcher and results in slaughtering in excess of the normal requirements of the district and for this excess, payment based on a prescribed formula is made to the Council by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. This involves the inspection of meat outside what are normally regarded as office hours, and at weekends.

During the year, 1,095 Bulls, Bullocks and Heifers, 1,421 Cows, 59 Calves, 5,352 Sheep and Lambs and 305 Pigs were killed and inspected. The percentages of carcasses affected with Tuberculosis were respectively Nil, .07, Nil, Nil, and 3.27, and those affected with other diseases or conditions requiring condemnation of some part or organ were 31.23, 47.99, Nil, 9.99, 5.57. The total weight of meat condemned during the year was 5 Tons. 17 Cwts. 2 Qtrs. 17 lbs.

In accordance with the provisions of the Slaughterhouses Act, 1958, the Slaughterhouse Reports (Appointed Day) Order, 1959, and the Slaughterhouses (Reports) Direction 1959, the report on the Slaughterhouse facilities in the district was submitted to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in 1960. This report was accepted and the Council were notified that, as from 1st July, 1962, all slaughterhouses in the Council's district must comply fully with the construction regulations. To permit time for alternative premises to be built or adapted, the Minister deferred the above date to 1st January, 1963, and this date was subsequently further extended to 1st July, 1963.

OTHER FOODS

15 Tins, Boxes, etc., of Meat, Fruit, Vegetables and Coco-nut weighing 46 lbs., were also condemned as unfit for human consumption and disposed of. 134 lbs. carcass meat was also condemned at retail butchers.

SALVAGE

During the year, this work has been continued and the following has been collected and disposed of:-

	T.	C.	Q.	Value.		
				£.	s.	d.
Paper.	23	3	3	162	6	3
Tins.	31	16	0	63	12	0
	54	19	3	225	18	3

STAFF

During the year sickness took its toll in the department resulting in Mr. Howarth and myself being absent for lengthy spells. I would like to acknowledge the ready assistance given by Mr. Allison, the Council's Surveyor, and his staff during this period, also that given by Mr. Oldham, Public Health Inspector to the Wardle U.D.C., who carried out meat inspection on behalf of the Council.

In view of the increased work of the department, the Council decided to appoint an additional Public Health Inspector and at the beginning of December, Mr. T. Bruce commenced duties. I feel sure that the addition of Mr. Bruce to the staff will enable much routine work to be dealt with which had not previously been possible.

PETROLEUM ACTS 1928/36

During the year 25 renewals of existing licences were granted under the above Acts.

In conclusion, I should like to express my thanks to you for your advice, co-operation and support, also to Councillor Ogden, Chairman of the Health Committee for his support at all times, to Mr. P. Howarth for his invaluable assistance in the office, and to Mr. D. W. Allison, Surveyor, for his department's co-operation during the year.

I am,

Yours obediently,

T. KEARNS.

Senior Public Health Inspector.

31st July, 1963.

NUMBER AND NATURE OF INSPECTIONS ETC. BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS

	<u>No. of inspections.</u>
Houses under Public Health Acts.	161
Reinspections.	89
Vermin and Infestations.	3
Water Supply.	31
Old Metal Dealers.	-
Schools.	4
Rent Acts.	1
Ashes Accommodation.	37
Refuse Disposal.	46
Salvage.	4
Septic Tanks.	1
Animals, Birds, etc.	6
Piggeries.	-
Rodent Control.	9
Drainage - Inspected.	262
Tested.	29
Conveniences.	20
Closets - Water.	14
Pails.	16
Ice-cream Premises.	3
Meat Shops.	10
Food Preparing Premises.	21
General Food Premises.	22
Food Inspections.	9
Shops Act.	160
Factories (with mechanical power).	15
do. (without mechanical power).	2
Slaughterhouses - Meat Inspection.	324.
Offensive Trades.	-
Rag Flock Premises.	-
Disinfestation.	1
Infectious Diseases and Food Poisoning.	2
Disinfection.	-
Housing - Section 9.	-
Section 16 and 17.	20
Clearance Areas.	-
Other visits.	70
Demolition.	60
Overcrowding.	1
Petroleum Acts.	6
Clean Air Act.	7
Smoke Observations.	9
Premises visited.	8
Miscellaneous Visits.	149
Interviews - Owners, Tradesmen, etc.	166
Samples - Food and Drugs - Formal.	-
Informal.	-
Water - Bacteriological.	7
Chemical.	-
Clean Milk - T.B. Examination.	-
Bacteriological.	-
Factory Outworkers.	-
Sewers and Street Gullies.	9
Caravan Sites.	3
Milk Distributors.	-
Licensed Premises.	-
Slaughterhouses Act, 1958.	12
National Assistance Act, 1947.	-
Licensing Act 1961.	16

1,845

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

URBAN DISTRICT OF LITTLEBOROUGH

SUMMARY embodying particulars required to be included in the ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH for the Year 1962

1. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in acres (at 31.12.62): 7,855. Population - Census, 1961 (prov.): 10,514.

Registrar General's estimate of home population, mid-1962: 10,630.

Number of inhabited houses at end of 1962 according to rate books: 4,045.

Rateable value, £117,001. Sum represented by a penny rate, £457.

Social conditions, including the chief industries carried on in the area:

The chief industries include the manufacture of cotton and woollen goods and synthetic fibres, leather tanning, iron turning and founding, oil and fat refining, dyeing and finishing.

VITAL STATISTICS

Particulars of any unusual or excessive mortality during the year which has received or required comment: None.

Any causes of sickness or invalidity which have been specially noteworthy in the area during the year: None.

Any conditions of occupation or environment which appear to have had a prejudicial effect on health: None.

2. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Public Health Officers of the Local Authority.

Medical Officer of Health: Dr. J. T. R. MacGill.
Qualifications and special diplomas: M.B., Ch.B.
Is he a whole or part-time officer of the Local Authority? Part.
Any other public appointments held by him? None.
Is he in private practice? Yes.

Public Health Inspector(s):-

Name.	Qualifications and Special Diplomas.	Whole or part-time as P.H.I.	Other appointments with Local Authority (if any).
T. Kearns.	C.R.S.I. and S.I.E.J.B. Inspector of Meat and Other Foods. Cert. of R.S.I. Smoke Inspector's Cert. of R.S.I.	Whole.	None.
T. Bruce.	P.H.I.E.B., and Dip. Meat and Other Foods.	Whole.	None.

Other Public Health Officers: None.

Alterations during year to local legislation (including bye-laws) in force in the district: -.

National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951

No. of applications for removal made during the year under section 47: Nil.

Number of orders made: -.

Comments on operation of the Section: -.

3. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply -

Statutory water undertaker.

Rochdale Corporation.

If any re-grouping during year
constitution and date of establishment
of new water board.

None.

Type of supply (e.g. upland surface,
deep wells, river, etc.)

Upland surface.

Give particulars of any new sources of
public supply acquired during the year.

None.

Extensions of water mains during the year -

- (a) to existing houses
- {b} to new houses
- {c} to other development

7 Houses.

85 Houses, 8 Flats.

-

Supplies to houses:

(a) No. of houses newly connected to public
mains supply during 1962 -

Existing houses.

7.

New houses.

93.

(b) Supply to all houses at end of year -

From public mains:-

Direct to houses - No. of dwellinghouses - 3,615.
Est. No. of population - 9,042.

By means of standpipe -

No. of dwellinghouses - Nil.
Est. No. of population - Nil.

From private supplies, e.g., wells, springs, etc. -

No. of dwellinghouses - 608. *
Est. No. of population - 1,568.

Give particulars, including location
and number, of any groups of dwell-
ings included in line marked * above
which are supplied with piped water
from private mains.

Shore 71, Ealees 42, Gale 39,
Blackstone Edge 110, Summit 99,
Hollingworth and Rakewood 61,
Smithy Bridge 42, Calderbrook
144.

Has the water supply of the area and of its several parts been
satisfactory during the year?

- (a) in quality: Yes.
- {b} in quantity: Yes.

Samples obtained by the local authority during the year of -

(a) the raw water

Public supply.

Bacteriological examinations. Nil.
Chemical analyses. Nil.

Private supplies.

Bacteriological examinations. 7.

No. satisfactory. 1.

No. unsatisfactory. 6.

Chemical analyses. -.

(b) water going into supply, where treatment is installed.	Public supply	
	Bacteriological examinations.	Nil.
	Chemical analyses.	Nil.
	Private supplies.	
	Bacteriological examinations.	Nil.
	Chemical analyses.	Nil.

Action taken by the local authority in respect of any form of contamination of -

- (a) public supplies. None necessary.
- (b) private supplies. Owners and occupiers notified re precautionary measures following unsatisfactory samples.

What action is taken in the case of new dwellings built where mains water supply is not available to ensure that the water supply is satisfactory in quality and quantity.

All new dwellings provided with mains water supply.

Any liability to plumbo-solvent action?

- (a) Public supplies. None.
- (b) Private supplies. None.

If so, give facts as to contamination by lead and the precautions taken by the local authority or statutory water undertaker, including use of special material for pipes. -.

Drainage and Sewerage

Give particulars of sewage disposal works and methods of treatment. Sewage Disposal Works, Lower Mill, Littleborough. Precipitation and Filtration.

Give details of any new works of sewerage and sewage disposal and of any additions undertaken during the year.

None.

No. of houses connected during the year to:-

- | | | |
|----------------------|------------------|-----|
| (a) Sewerage system. | New houses. | 93. |
| | Existing houses. | 6. |
| (b) Septic tanks. | New houses. | -. |
| | Existing houses. | --. |
| (c) Cesspools. | New houses. | -. |
| | Existing houses. | -. |

Areas or townships without proper sewerage system and reasons therefor.

Parts of Shore, Hollingworth Fold, and Rakewood, and low-lying and out-lying parts of District. Distance from existing sewerage system prohibitive or below level of existing sewer.

Sanitary accommodation at end of 1962:

- | | |
|--|--------|
| (i) No. of privy middens. | Nil. |
| (ii) No. of closets attached to these middens. | -. |
| (iii) No. of pail closets. | 241. |
| (iv) No. of dry ash pits (excluding middens). | Nil. |
| (v) No. of movable dustbins, etc. | 3,629. |
| (vi) No. of trough closets. | Nil. |

(vii)	No. of waste water closets.	130.
(viii)	No. of fresh water closets.	3,729.
(ix)	Conversions during 1962:-	
(a)	No. of privy closets - To fresh w.c's.	Nil.
	To pails, etc.	Nil.
(b)	No. of pail closets to fresh w.c's.	3.
(c)	No. of trough closets to fresh w.c's.	Nil.
(d)	No. of waste w.c's. to fresh w.c's.	2.
(e)	No. of premises at which movable dustbins, etc., were substituted for fixed receptacles.	Nil.
(x)	No. of <u>houses</u> on water carriage system.	3,883.

Public Cleansing

- (i) Renewal of movable dustbins, etc., to dwellings effected -
 (a) out of rate fund.
- (ii) Give brief particulars of the arrangements for -
 (a) Refuse collection. House refuse collected by 3 vehicles engaged full-time, (2 side loaders, 1 end loader). Nightsoil collected by a mechanical nightsoil and Gully Emptier.
 (b) Refuse disposal. House refuse - Tip situate at Hollingworth. Nightsoil - Emptied direct into the sewer.
 (c) Cesspool emptying. As requested by owners.

Total inspections made for all purposes by Public Health Inspectors during 1962 -

- | | |
|------------------------------|---|
| (i) Premises visited. | No. of premises visited 1,292. |
| | No. of visits 1,843. |
| (ii) Defects or nuisances. | No. discovered 173. |
| | No. abated 80. |
| (iii) No. of notices served. | Informal 55.
Statutory 6. |
| (iv) Legal proceedings. | No. 3.
Result. Nuisance Orders for carrying out of work specified. |

Shops and Offices

Particulars of any action taken under provisions of:-

- | | |
|---|---|
| (i) Shops Act, 1950, relating to ventilation and temperature of shops and to sanitary conveniences. | 160 Routine inspections. No special action necessary. |
| (ii) Public Health Act, 1936, relating to conditions in offices, i.e., ventilation, sanitary conveniences, etc. | Nil. |

Clean Air Act, 1956:-

- | | |
|---|----------|
| (i) Date of bye-laws made under Section 24. | 1/10/57. |
| (ii) Number of factory chimneys in the district. | 31. |
| (iii) Number of observations taken during the year. | 9. |
| (iv) Number of legal proceedings and results. | Nil. |

(v) Smoke Control Areas -		
(a) No. of orders submitted to Ministry during year.	Nil.	
(b) No. of orders confirmed by Ministry during year.	Nil.	
(c) Total No. of orders in force at end of year.	Nil.	
(d) No. of houses and other buildings involved in (a) in (b) and in (c)	-. -. -.	
(e) Remarks (particulars of exempted premises, if any, etc.)	-.	
(vi) Any special action taken with regard to burning spoil banks, refuse tips, etc.	None necessary.	
(vii) Particulars of any co-operative action with industry:-		
(a) Regional.	None.	
(b) District.	Liaison on improvements in equipment technique, etc.	
(viii) Any other special action taken with regard to atmospheric pollution.	None.	

Swimming Baths and Pools

(i) Brief particulars (state whether (a) public, or (b) privately-owned but open to public):	None in the district.
(ii) Source of water used for filling.	-.
(iii) Method of treatment.	-.
(iv) If continuous filtration, state turnover period.	-.
(v) No. of samples of water taken for examination.	Bacteriological. -. Chemical. -.

Disinfestation - Action taken during year:

(i) No. of houses found to be infested.	(a) Council houses. -. (b) Other houses. 1.
(ii) No. of houses disinfested.	(a) Council houses. -. (b) Other houses. 1.
(iii) Methods employed for disinfestation of houses.	Spraying and Dusting.
(iv) State name of fumigant and/or insecticide used, and efficiency thereof.	"Killgercide" Liquid DDT Insecticide and "Zaldecide" Insecticidal Dust. Satisfactory.
(v) Methods employed for ensuring disinfestation of belongings of tenants before removal to council houses.	Spraying and Dusting where necessary.
(vi) Is work of disinfestation carried out by local authority or by a contractor?	By Local Authority where required.
(vii) Measures taken by way of supervision or education of tenants to prevent infestation or re-infestation after cleansing.	No special action.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

(i) No. of rodent operatives employed -	(a) Full time. Nil. (b) Part-time. 1.
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(ii) Action relating to rodent control during year -

	TYPE OF PROPERTY		
	Non-agricultural.		Agricultural.
	Dwelling houses.	All other.	
(a) No. of properties in district.	4,223	307	79
(b) No. of properties inspected.	33	12	5
(c) Total inspections carried out (inc. re-inspections).	108	193	17
(d) No. of properties inspected which were found to be infested by:			
Rats - major.	-	-	-
- minor.	18	7	5
Mice - major.	-	-	-
- minor.	15	5	-
{e) No. of infested properties treated.	33	12	5
{f) Total treatments carried out (incl. re-treatments).	33	12	5
(g) No. of "Block" control schemes carried out.	-	-	-
(h) Any other action.	None.		

(iii) Particulars of other infestations under the Act (Sect. 28). None

Schools

(i) Total No. of schools in district at end of year.	9.
(ii) Sanitary conditions of schools at end of year -	
(a) No. of schools with unsatisfactory yard surfaces.	Nil.
(b) Sanitary accommodation - No. of schools with:	
(1) Fresh water closets only.	9.
(2) Waste water closets only.	Nil.
(3) Trough closets only.	Nil.
(4) Pail closets only.	Nil.
(5) Privy closets only.	Nil.
(6) Other (state type).	Nil.
(c) Drainage - No. of schools with drainage to -	
(1) Public sewers.	8.
(2) Private treatment works.	1.
(d) Refuse disposal - No. of schools with -	
(1) Dustbins.	9.
(2) Dry ashpits.	Nil.
(e) Water supply - No. of schools supplied from -	
(1) Public mains.	9.
(2) Private supplies.	Nil.
(3) Distance of each school in ((e)2) from nearest public main.	-.
(4) No. of private supplies ((e)2) considered unsatisfactory.	-.
(f) No. of schools where facilities are considered unsatisfactory for	
(1) Washing.	Nil.
(2) Drinking.	Nil.

Offensive Trades

- (i) No. of premises. 1. (ii) Type of offensive trades. Glue maker.
(iii) Any special action taken. None.

Factories Acts, 1937 to 1959 (to 31.3.62) and Factories Act, 1961 (from 1.4.62). Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961.

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises.	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	11	2	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	92	15	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises).	-	-	-	-
	103	17	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases").

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found.			Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	1	1	-	1
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective.	2	2	-	2
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work.)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	3	3	-	3

3. Outwork. (Sections 133 and 134).

Nil.

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951.

- (i) No. of registered premises at end of year on which rag flock or other filling materials were used in manufacture of bedding, toys, etc. 1.
 - (ii) No. of licensed premises at end of year on which rag flock was -
 - (a) manufactured, or manufactured and stored Nil.
 - (b) stored only Nil.
 - (iii) No. of inspections during year Nil.
 - (iv) Samples taken during year Nil.
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What are the chief sanitary requirements of the district?

Extension of sewers to outlying parts of the district.

4. HOUSING.

(a) Statistics

	Houses.	Flats.
1. Number of new houses erected during the year:-		
(i) By the local authority	-	8
(ii) By other local authorities	-	-
(iii) By other bodies or persons	85	-
2. Inspections of dwelling-houses during this year:-		
(i)(a) Total No. of dwelling-houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).	293	
(b) No. of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose.	692	
(c) No. of dwelling-houses in (a) above found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit.	59	
(ii) Total No. of dwelling-houses existing at end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit.	40	

3. Houses Demolished:-

In Clearance Areas:

	Houses Demolished	Displaced during year.	
		Persons.	Families.
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation.	-	8	5
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.	-	-	-
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2), Housing Act, 1957.	-	-	-
Not in Clearance Areas:			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1), Housing Act, 1957.	13	4	2
(5) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health.	1	-	-
(6) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts.	-	-	-
(7) Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders.	-	-	-

4. Unfit Houses Closed:-

- (i) Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1), Housing Act, 1957.
- (ii) Under Sections 17(3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957.
- (iii) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957.

Number	Displaced during year	
	Persons.	Families.
1	4	1
-	-	-
-	-	-

5. Unfit Houses Made Fit and Houses in which Defects were Remedied:-

- (i) After informal action by local authority.
- (ii) After formal notice under
 - (a) Public Health Acts.
 - (b) Sections 9 and 16, Housing Act, 1957.
- (iii) Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957.

By Owner.	By Local Authority.
57	
3	2
-	-
-	-

6. Unfit Houses in Temporary Use (Housing Act, 1957):-

Position at end of year:

- (i) Retained for temporary accommodation.
 - (a) Under Section 48.
 - (b) Under Section 17(2).
 - (c) Under Section 46.
- (ii) Licensed for temporary occupation under Sections 34 or 53.

Number of houses. (1)	Number of separate dwellings contained in column (1) (2)
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

7. Purchase of Houses by Agreement:-

Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders, purchased during the year.

Number of houses. (1)	Number of occupants of houses in Col.(1) (2)
-	-

8. Housing Act, 1949, and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958 - Improvement Grants, etc.: -

Action during year:

- (i) Submitted by private individuals to local authority.
- (ii) Approved by local authority.
- (iii) Submitted by local authority to Ministry.
- (iv) Finally approved by Ministry.
- (v) Work completed.
- (vi) Additional separate dwellings included in (v) above.
- (vii) Any other action taken under the Acts (give brief particulars).

No. of dwelling houses or other buildings affected in schemes of-	Private bodies or individuals.	Local Authority.
17		
17		
-		
14		
-		

None.

9. House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 - Standard Grants:-

Action during year:

- (i) Applications submitted to local authority.
- (ii) Applications approved by local authority.
- (iii) Work completed.
- (iv) Remarks. - .

No. of dwellings or other buildings affected.
22
21
25

(b) Housing Conditions

10. (i) General observations as to housing conditions, including the standard of houses, the prevalent types, age and approximate numbers and general soundness of the several types - any information as to prevailing forms of defects and of prevailing bad conditions resulting from overcrowding:

Considerable number of sub-standard houses, up to and over 100 years old, of stone construction and of back-to-back type, also a number lacking through ventilation. Inherent defect chiefly dampness. No marked statutory overcrowding existing in district.

- (ii) Approximate number of
 - (a) back-to-back houses 600
 - (b) back-to-earth houses 45
 - (c) other houses without through ventilation. Exact number not known.

11. Movable dwellings and camping sites (other than H. M. Forces) -

- (i) No. of sites in the area which were used for camping purposes during 1962. 1.
- (ii) No. of licences in force at end of 1962 issued under section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936, in respect of -
 - (a) Sites. - .
 - (b) Individual movable dwellings. - .
- (iii) Estimated maximum number of campers resident in the area at one time during the summer season, 1962. 25.
- (iv) No. of caravans permanently occupied. 11.
- (v) Any action under Part IV of Lancashire County Council (General Powers) Act, 1951. - .
- (vi) No. of site licences issued under Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960, and in operation at end of year. 1.

- (vii) No. of caravans concerned in (vi) above. 30.
 (viii) Has Council adopted Model Standards issued by Ministry of Housing and L. Government for sites in respect of -
 (a) Permanent residential caravan sites? Yes.
 (b) Holiday caravan sites? -.
 (ix) Any other special action taken by local authority with regard to tents, vans, sheds, etc. -.

12. Common Lodging-houses.

- (i) No. on register Nil.
 (ii) What is their condition? -.

13. Underground Sleeping Rooms.

- (i) No. Nil.
 (ii) Any need for regulations? -.

14. Canal Boats.

- (i) Number inspected Nil.
 (ii) Number of infringements of Acts. -.

15. Sufficiency of supply of houses.

- (i) Give some indication of extent of shortage, stating approximate number and type of houses required.

Approximately 70 houses required to rehouse tenants of unfit houses - a third of these to be of the bungalow or flatlet type to house persons at present living alone.

- (ii) Particulars of any local authority housing scheme -
 (a) in hand at end of year. Nil.
 (b) contemplated. Contract awarded for 8 one bedroom flats at Hollingworth.
- (iii) Information as to any important changes in population during the period under review or anticipated in the future. None.
- (iv) Any special difficulties in the way of providing suitable sites for new houses. No.

16. Overcrowding.

- (i) General observations on overcrowding conditions and any progress made during the year in relief thereof:

No marked overcrowding in the district.

- (ii) Particulars of any difficulties experienced in connection with houses used in multiple occupation: -.

17. Fitness of houses.

- (i) Difficulties found in action under the Public Health Acts or under the Housing Acts.

Reluctance of owners to carry out other than urgent repairs, particularly where permitted increase under Rent Act 1957, still not applied.

- (ii) No. of houses which have not an adequate internal water supply. 149.

- (iii) No. of houses which have no separate closet accommodation. 594.

5. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply - action taken with regard to the administration of the Milk and Dairies Acts and Regulations.

1. The Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960.

- (i) No. of dealers' licences in force at end of year in respect of -
 - (a) Pasteurising plant (Reg. 12(1)(b)). -.
 - (b) Sterilising plant (Reg. 12(1)(b)). -.
 - (c) Pre-packed milk (Reg. 12(1)(c)). -.
 - (d) Tuberculin Tested milk (Reg. 12(1)(d)). -.
- (ii) By virtue of (i) above, No. of dealers at end of year authorised to deal in milk of the following designations -
 - (a) Tuberculin tested. -.
 - (b) Pasteurised. -.
 - (c) Sterilised. -.
- (iii) Any refusal or revocation of licences for designated milk, with reason for the refusal or revocation. -.
- (iv) Give brief particulars of any structural alterations or improvements carried out to dairies during the year. -.

2. Action taken by local authority in relation to samples taken in the district:

(i) Samples for Biological Examination -

Total No. of samples submitted.	RESULTS		
	Positive.	Negative.	No result.
Results:-			
(a) Tuberculosis.	-	-	-
(b) Brucellosis - Ring Test.	-	-	-
(c) Brucellosis - Culture Test.	-	-	-
(d) Brucellosis - Biological Test.	-	-	-

(ii) Samples for Statutory Tests -

No. of samples.	RESULTS		
	Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.	Void samples.
Raw Milk:			
(a) Methylene Blue Test.	-	-	-
Heat Treated Milk:			
(b) Methylene Blue Test.	-	-	-
(c) Phosphatase Test.	-	-	-
(d) Turbidity Test.	-	-	-

3. Result of Ministry investigations by the Divisional Inspector of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food within the district during the year arising from notifications of tuberculous milk made by any local authority -

- (i) No. of herds examined by veterinary inspectors. Nil.
- (ii) No. of cases where animals seized under Tuberculosis Order, 1938. Nil.
- (iii) No. of animals seized. Nil.
- (iv) No. of cases reported negative where animals had been sold prior to investigation. Nil.
- (v) No. of cases reported negative, no animals seized. Nil.

4. Action taken under Regulation 19 of the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959. None necessary.
5. Action taken under Regulation 20 of the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959. None necessary.
6. Action taken under Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925. None necessary.
- Meat and other foods (excluding adulteration) -
7. (i) Action taken with regard to meat and other foods, including inspection of meat, slaughterhouses, shops, stalls and vehicles, and places where food is prepared, with particular reference to restaurant and hotel kitchens and food factories.
Meat and other foods, slaughterhouses, shops etc., regularly inspected by qualified inspector.
- (ii) Number of legal proceedings and result. Nil.
8. (i) Is a public abattoir in use in the district? No.
- (ii) Total No. of private slaughterhouses licensed by local authority at end of year. 2.
- (iii) No. of private slaughterhouses licensed by local authority at end of year for slaughter of horses. Nil.
- (iv) Action taken with regard to:-
(a) Ante-mortem inspection of animals. Examination of livestock in lairages prior to slaughter.
(b) Post-mortem inspection of animals. All carcasses inspected after slaughter by qualified Meat Inspector.
9. No. of premises used for slaughter and dressing of poultry, etc. Nil
10. Carcasses inspected and condemned within the district:-

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known).	1,095	1,421	59	5,352	305	-
Number inspected.	1,095	1,421	59	5,352	305	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci -	.					
Whole carcasses condemned.	-	4	-	2	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	342	682	-	535	17	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.	31.23	47.99	-	9.99	5.57	-
Tuberculosis only -						
Whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-	-	1	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	1	-	-	10	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	-	.07	-	-	3.27	-
Cysticercosis -						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	1	2	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	1	2	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-

11. Examination of food stocks or consignments during year -

Type of Food.	Total quantity of stock or consignment examined.	Quantity condemned.
Meats.	5 Tins.	8 lbs.
Fruits.	9 Tins.	24 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
Carcase Meat.	134 lbs.	134 "
Cocoanut.	13 "	13 "

12. By what method(s) was disposal of unsound food effected?

- (i) Carcase meat. Sale by owners to firms dealing solely with this type of commodity.
- (ii) Other foods. Destruction by burning or buried on the Council's Refuse Tip.

13. No. of food premises, by type of business, in district at end of year:-

Type of business.	No.
General grocers and provision dealers.	56
Greengrocers and fruiterers (including those selling wet fish, game, etc.)	8
Fishmongers (including those selling poultry, game, etc.)	1
Meat shops (butchers, purveyors of cooked and preserved meats, tripe, etc.)	15
Bakers and/or confectioners.	15
Fried fish shops.	16
Shops selling mainly sugar confectionery, minerals, ice-cream, etc.	9
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, cafes, snack bars and similar catering establishments.	31
Others.	23

14. No. of food premises, by type, registered under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955, the Lancashire County Council Acts or other local Acts -

Type of business.	Legislation under which registration effected.	No. registered at end of year.	No. of inspections of registered premises during year.
Ice Cream Premises.	Food & Drugs Act, 1955.	56	59

15. Action taken under the Lancashire County Council Acts or other legislation relating to registration of food premises.

Registration of all premises for the storage and sale of Ice-cream and preserved foods, and of Hawkers and their premises.

16. Action taken under the Ice-Cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations, 1959.

No premises registered for the manufacture of Ice-cream.

17. Adulteration, etc. - (Food and Drugs Authorities only).

(i) Food and Drugs Act, 1955 - Sampling during the year:-

(a) Milk	(No. of samples taken. -.)
	(No. adulterated. -.)
(b) Articles other than milk.	(No. of samples taken. -.)
	(No. adulterated. -.)
(c) Remarks.	-.

(ii) Action under other Food Acts or Regulations. -.

(iii) Name of laboratory at which analyses are carried out. -.

18. Clean Food Campaigns - Any action taken by the Council during the year. - No organised campaign.

19. Have bye-laws for the handling, etc., of food been adopted?

If so, give brief particulars of any action taken under these during the year. - Yes. Routine inspections and verbal and written intimation given regarding contraventions.

20. Food Poisoning.

(i) Total notifications (corrected) during year as returned on quarterly Forms 118D and 118E. Nil.

(ii) Total number of additional (i.e., un-notified) cases ascertained as a result of investigations into notified cases. Nil.

(iii) Total number of outbreaks (an outbreak being regarded as the whole of the cases, being more than one in number, either probably or certainly derived from a single contaminating or infecting source). Nil.

(iv) Detail here, separately, particulars of each outbreak included in (iii). -.

(v) Observations on any points of interest arising in connection with any of the above outbreaks or any single case (in particular, please state if related to any outbreak in any other district). -.

6. PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Review the prevalence of notifiable infectious diseases during the year, and give any noteworthy facts as to the source or spread of infection (non-notifiable acute infectious diseases should also be reported upon so far as available information enables this to be done).

A small number of cases of Measles occurred during October and the early part of November. Of the non-notifiable infectious diseases, a considerable number of mild cases of German Measles occurred during July and August.

State whether the following diseases were compulsorily notifiable in your district during 1962 by order of the District Council, and, if so, state for what period (see Table on page 28):-

(i) Diarrhoea (under 2 years).	No.
(ii) Chicken-pox.	No.
(iii) Any others.	No.
(iv) Observations.	-.

Disinfection after infectious diseases:-

- | | |
|---|------------------------------------|
| (i) No. of houses disinfected during year. | -. |
| (ii) Method (state disinfectant used). | -. |
| (iii) Apparatus used for disinfecting clothing, bedding, etc. (steam or otherwise). | Hand Spray. |
| (iv) Where is apparatus situated? | Council Offices,
Littleborough. |
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- | | |
|--|-----|
| (i) Was any action found necessary under the Public Health (Aircraft) Regulations, 1952? | No. |
| (ii) If so, give brief particulars. | -. |
-
- | | |
|--|-----|
| (i) Has any action been taken under section 172, Public Health Act, 1936? | No. |
| (ii) If so, No. of applications for Orders for compulsory removal to hospital. | -. |
| (iii) No. of cases in which Orders were granted. | -. |
| (iv) Observations. | -. |

Signed,

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11th April, 1963.

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1962

(after corrections subsequently made either by the notifying medical practitioner or by the Medical Superintendent of the Infectious Diseases Hospital)

Notifiable Diseases.	Total cases at all ages.	Age Periods - Years						Deaths.	Total Cases Notified
		0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-		
Scarlet fever.									
Whooping cough.									
Acute poliomyelitis - Paralytic.									
Non-paralytic.									
Miscles (excluding rubella).	38								
Diphtheria.									
Bysentery.									
Leningococcal infection.									
Ophthalmia neonatorum.									
Acute pneumonia (prim. and infl'zal).									
Smallpox.									
Acute encephalitis - Infective.									
Post-infectious.									
Enteric or typhoid fever.									
Paratyphoid fevers.									
Erysipelas.									
Food poisoning.									
Tuberculosis - Respiratory.									
Meninges and C.N.S.									
Other.									
Puerperal pyrexia.									
Other notifiable diseases.									

